

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim status/Amendments

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application.

In this response, claim 1 is amended to delete the superfluous expression "applicable to the" in line 5, and thus overcome the rejection of claims 1-5 and 9-13 under 35 USC § 112. Claim 6 has additionally been amended in accordance with suggestions advanced telephonically by the Examiner.

In that claims 6-8 and 14-15 are indicated as being set in condition for allowance, it is submitted that the application now stand in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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